

“GREEN SHEET”

Meeting: December 12-13, 2014, Commission Meeting
Agenda item: 2013-2014 North of Falcon Policy C-3608 – (Briefing)
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Background:

The Commission’s North of Falcon Policy provides direction and guidance to the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) as it conducts the annual process for defining salmon fishing seasons in Pacific Ocean, Columbia River, Puget Sound, and Washington Coastal marine and freshwater areas.

Department staff will brief the Commission in December on the current North of Falcon Policy (C-3608), and seek guidance for modification. A public involvement process was identified by staff members, including meetings with recreational and commercial advisors to be conducted prior to the January Commission meeting, when public comments on the North of Falcon policy will be received.

Policy issues:

Policy guidance to the Department for defining annual salmon fishing seasons in Washington State that meets conservation and fishery management objectives for non-treaty commercial and recreational fishing opportunity.

Public involvement process and outcome:

Public meetings with recreational and commercial fishery advisors will be conducted by the Department to review the current North of Falcon policy. Public comments will be received at the January Commission meeting.

Action requested:

The Commission will consider adopting a North of Falcon policy at the February Commission meeting.

Draft motion language:

N/A

Justification for Commission Action:

N/A

Communications Plan:

N/A
